

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/01/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED]

IA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attn: [REDACTED]

Attn: JTTF

SA [REDACTED]

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From: London

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title:

UNSUB(S)

GARETH WILLIAMS - VICTIM

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**Synopsis:** Pursuant to [REDACTED] open's and assigns captioned matter to assist in the United Kingdom investigation of the murder of Gareth Williams.

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**Reference:** 80-LO-C9545-CT Serial 768

**Details:** Referenced communication is an Unclassified letter dated 08/31/2010 by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] requesting the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in their investigation into the murder of Gareth Williams. Pursuant to this request, the [REDACTED] provided the background also set forth in referenced communication.

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Information of [REDACTED] is the body of WILLIAMS was discovered by police on 08/23/2010 inside a locked sports bag located in the bathroom of his London apartment. WILLIAMS was employed by the Government Communications Head Quarters (GCHQ), the United Kingdom equivalent of the National Security Agency (NSA), on assignment to the British Secret Security Service (SIS), or MI-6, the United Kingdom equivalent of the Central

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Re: [REDACTED] 09/01/2010

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Intelligence Agency (CIA). A post mortem examination failed to establish the cause of death.

Approximately two weeks before the discovery of WILLIAMS body, WILLIAMS traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, to attend the Def-Con 18 conference which focuses on technical computer intrusion techniques. WILLIAMS attended in his professional capacity and with the knowledge of his employer. Subsequent to the conference WILLIAMS is believed to have extended his stay in Las Vegas for approximately one week on vacation, staying at Ceasars Palace and Trump Las Vegas, and engaging in expenditures of approximately \$2,000 per day.

Pursuant to [REDACTED] investigation to date, [REDACTED] has requested FBI assistance and concurrence in facilitating the travel of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Las Vegas in order to determine what specific evidence and witnesses might be available for official request which would facilitate the murder investigation and provide whether or not motive was tied to WILLIAMS employment.

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The [REDACTED] officers plan on traveling under United Kingdom Passports and or in the process of obtaining Visa's accordingly, anticipating travel on 09/05/2010 with a return date of 09/12/2010 subject to Las Vegas approvals and concurrence.

London intends on facilitating this investigation given the extensive local media coverage and circumstances of the case.

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Facilitate [REDACTED] investigation by providing JTTF agent with VCMO experience to serve as liaison during travel of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Las Vegas, Nevada, so that available evidence and witnesses can be appropriately identified for official MLAT request pursuant to United Kingdom murder investigation surrounding victim GARETH WILLIAMS.

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Set Lead 2: (Info)

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Date: 09/13/2010

To: London

From: London

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] *WJH*

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title:

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GARETH WILLIAMS - VICTIM

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Synopsis: Writer discussed case with [REDACTED]

Details: On 09/13/2010 writer discussed status of captioned matter with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] thanked writer for the excellent assistance provided by Las Vegas division to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] during the week of 09/06/2010 pursuant to this matter. [REDACTED] advised that there continues to be no current identified subjects. Accidental death resulting from consensual sexual activities of the victim have not been ruled out. [REDACTED] investigation continues and London will evaluate the provision of further assistance in this matter when so asked.

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Date: 10/06/2010

To: London

From: London

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] *JSr*

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title: UNSUB(S)  
GARETH WILLIAMS - VICTIM  
[REDACTED]

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Synopsis: Writer discussed case with [REDACTED]

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Details: On 10/06/2010 writer discussed status of captioned matter with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] thanked writer for the excellent assistance provided by Las Vegas division and advised that a few additional records from Las Vegas were still in the process of being provided. [REDACTED] also advised that there may be a UK citizen residing in San Diego, California, with additional information and [REDACTED] will advise FBI as more information accrues on that lead. Investigation continues around the circumstances of victim's death. [REDACTED] continues to attempt identification of an unknown second individual that may have been present at the time of death.

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Date: 04/11/2011

To: London

From: London

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title: UNSUB(S)  
GARETH WILLIAMS - VICTIM  
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Synopsis: Writer discussed case with [REDACTED]

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Details: On 04/11/2011 writer discussed captioned matter with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the investigation was ongoing and nearing the conclusion of the first phase. Pursuant to the collection of DNA material not associated with the victim found on the outside of the bag the victim was located in, a second phase of the homicide investigation will be discussed with the newly appointed coroner on the case. Investigation has not revealed any links to Counterterrorism and the cause of death may be accidental. However, [REDACTED] will continue to treat this matter as a murder investigation.

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Date: 12/12/2011

To: [REDACTED]  
Counterterrorism

Attn: [REDACTED]  
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IA [REDACTED]

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From: London

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] *WJH*

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Case ID #: (U) [REDACTED]

(U) Title: (S) UNSUB(S);  
GARETH WILLIAMS - VICTIM;

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(U) Synopsis: (S//NF) Assistance requested by [REDACTED] in this matter has been provided. Absent further requests and US nexus, the matter is being closed.

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Derived From: Multiple Sources  
Declassify On: 20361212

(U) Details: (S//NF) On 08/31/2010, [REDACTED] requested FBI assistance in facilitating investigation pursuant to captioned matter. The body of Gareth Williams was found on 08/23/2010 inside a locked sports bag in the bathroom of his London apartment. Williams was employed by the Government Communications Head Quarters (GCHQ), on assignment to the British Secret Intelligence Service (BSIS) at the time of his death. A post mortem examination failed to establish the cause of death, but accidental death has not been ruled out.

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Approximately two weeks before the discover of Williams body, Williams traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, to attend a work related conference. Following assignment of this investigation, [REDACTED] in facilitating

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Re: (U) [REDACTED] 12/12/2011

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investigation surrounding Williams in Las Vegas. This assistance was provided by Las Vegas. Absent further requests from [REDACTED] on this matter, or establishment of a US nexus to criminal/CT conduct, this matter is being closed.

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Re: (U) [REDACTED] 12/12/2011

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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